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SUBJECT: ASHER YADLIN PLEADS GUILTY; IMPLICATES LABOR PARTY

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1. ASHER YADLIN PLEADED QUILTY THIS MORNING TO FIVE
OF THE SEVEN CHARGES IN THE INDICTMENT FILED AGAINST HIM.
ADMITTING TO HAVING RECEIVED MONIES ILLEGALLY, YADLIN
TESTIFIED THAT THE TRANSFERRED "MILLIONS" TO THE LABOR
PARTY IN VIOLATION OF THE PARTY FUNDING LAW. HE CLAIMED
THAT PRIOR TO THE 1973 ELECTION THE HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE
FROM FORMER FINANCE MINISTER THE LATE PINHAS SAPHIR,
PRESENT FINANCE MINISTER YEHOASHUA RABINOWITZ AND ANOTHER
PARTY STALWART DAVID CALDERON, TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR THE
LABOR PARTY. HE SAID THAT MONEY HE HAD RECEIVED IN
BROKERAGE DEALS HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PARTY
FOLLOWING REQUESTS BY RABINOWITZ AND A FORMER
TREASURER OF THE PARTY, ZE'EV WEINER. HE ALSO
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IMPLICATED A FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PARTY
(AND HIS COUSIN), PRESENT MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AHARON YADLIN.

2. FOLLOWING YADLIN'S PLEA, THE PROSECUTION DROPPED THE OTHER TWO
CHARGES IN THE INDICTMENT AND THE COURT
THEREUPON CONVICTED YADLIN OF "TAKING A BRIBE,

PLOTTING TO CONSPIRE, FRAUD, RECEIVING SOMETHING
FRAUDULENTLY, AND VIOLATING THE LAND BETTERMENT TAX."

3. SHORTLY AFTER THE NEWS OF YADLIN'S CHARGES, THE
LIKUD ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION OR RAISING THE MATTER
IN THE KNESSET. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. COMMENT: YADLIN'S SURPRISE CONFESSION COMES JUST
EIGHT DAYS BEFORE THE LABOR PARTY'S CONVENTION. AL-
READY TAINTED BY EARLIER REVELATIONS OF SCANDAL AND
THE OFER SUICIDE, LABOR'S ELECTION PROSPECTS HAVE NOW
BEEN DEALT A FURTHER BLOW BY THIS TESTIMONY. THE
IMMEDIATE AND SPECIFIC DAMAGE MAY BE TO RABIN'S
FORTUNES SINCE RABINOWITZ IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF
AND ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER. YADLIN'S CHARGES
COULD WELL HEAD TO INVESTIGATION
OF THOSE ACCUSED IN COMING WEEKS; THE CHARGES ALONE ARE SEEN AS
INFLECTING A SERIOUS SETBACK TO RABIN IN HIS
CONTEST WITH PERES.
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